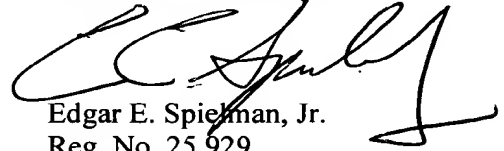


In summary, applicants' process is novel. It is carried out in a different sequence, using different conditions and a selection of ingredients as compared with Goodenough. Applicants' process can achieve active bromine contents well in excess of the highest levels stated by Goodenough. The PTO has already considered the Goodenough disclosure -vs- Nalco's claims, and found that the Nalco claims are patentable. Applicants' and Nalco's claims plainly overlap. Applicants' effective filing date is earlier than Nalco's and thus applicant is prima facie entitled to priority.

Based on all these circumstances, applicants respectfully submit that the outstanding rejection over Goodenough should be withdrawn and an interference declared.

Prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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